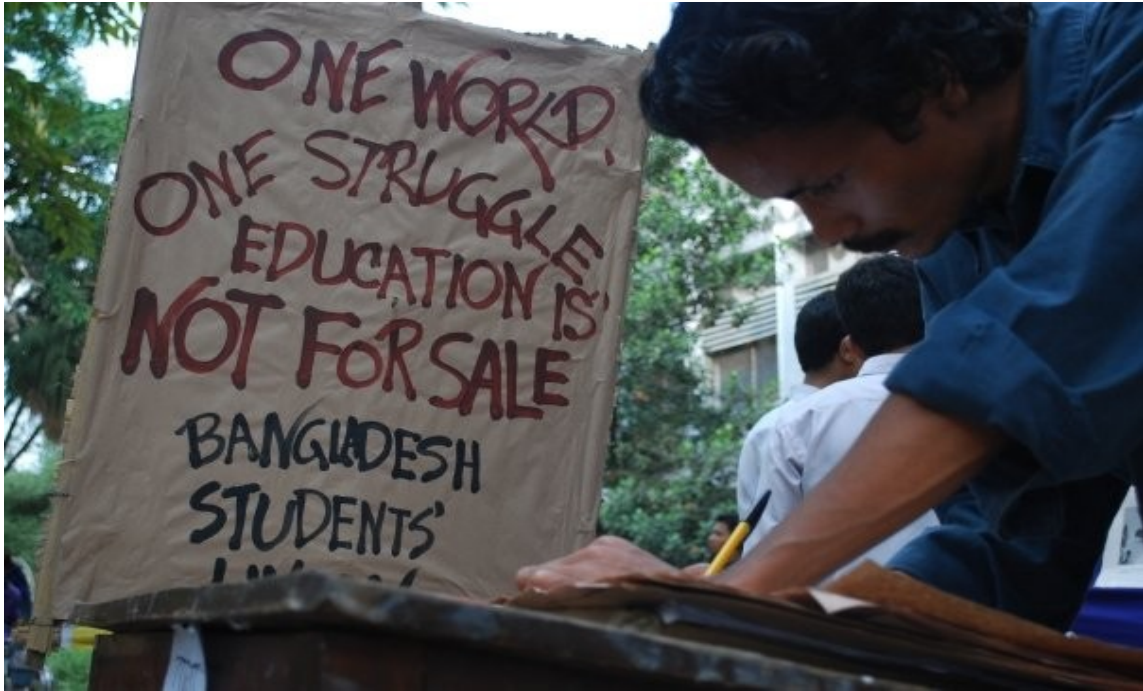


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### **Students in Bangladesh are supporting your struggle!**

The problems of education seem similar to east and west, "first world" and "third world" countries. The students of Bangladesh are burdened with tuition fees and other expenses like costs of books, dormitory fees etc. And The burdens are increasing exponentially. The other important thing is the little state support for the public education system. The majority of High School graduates will not get an opportunity to enter less expensive public universities. The commercialisation of the public education system is supported by the government. The most alarming thing is, that the private universities only admit students for a few profitable subjects like Business Administration or Computer Science or Electrical Engineering or Telecommunication Engineering.

The government with the help of the commercial media demoralizes the students and always tells them that education is not for free and that it is normal to pay for quality education and that education is a market product.

And they keep telling that especially higher education is not free anywhere in the world.

So the parents of students must carry all expenses and the only duty of students is to attend their lessons. No rallies and no protests are necessary, they say. The call by the global student movement and the "Bildungsstreik" in Germany inspires the students of Bangladesh and this shows the true picture student movements worldwide.

*We are in Solidarity with you!*

Tarek Ahmad; Dhaka [**Bangladesh**]

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Dear German colleagues,

We apologize for sending you our support so late, but we are in exams period and we don't have enough time for thinking in so many things....

As soon as we do an action, you'll receive news from us!!

Good luck in your fighting day and receive all the support from the assemblies of Madrid!!!

Here is our supporting letter:

"Dear colleagues,

From the International Commission Assembly of Madrid (Spain) we want to send you a message of support during your "Educational strike", in such a day like is the anniversary of the Bolonia Declaration.

In Madrid and in the whole Spain, thousands of people are fighting against Bolonia Process since several years, but it hasn't been until few months ago when our voices are starting to be listened by the society, which is starting to be critic and informed about this difficult process. Anyway, our government decided to continue with it, and from September, Bolonia will be a reality in our universities. But we still keep on fighting, we won't surrender, specially now. We need to show our politicians that they can't do whatever they want.

Unfortunately, we are now in our exams period, we are so busy and it has been impossible for us the coordination to organize any action for this day. But we hope we can do something together really soon, because together we are stronger and it will be more difficult for them to ignore our voices!

Keep on struggling, because the lost fights are those which never happened!!

Best wishes from Madrid.

Coordinadora Internacional de Madrid contra Bolonia" [**Spain**]

### **Dear colleagues!**

Just like our colleagues in other Croatian towns (Zagreb, Zadar, Rijeka, Pula, Osijek and Varaždin) students from Split, also gathered around **independent student initiative for the right to free education**, occupied their Faculties (University of Split) during Global week of action (and furthermore) as a sign of protest against commercialisation of education. In a moment, we held four Faculties under occupation. We organized this action demanding the right to free education for all and the elimination of all tuition fees, at all levels of higher education: undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate. We heard about your struggle and we want to express our great solidarity with the international fight for emancipating and free education which you are fighting now. The educational system of today is making the students, de facto, employees of their respective faculties, even though they are the ones who are paying their studies very costly, while their work time is "payed" with a fixed amount of ECTS points. Our free time has been violently taken away from us (our professors as well), making us uncompromising executives of the system itself.

We stand in solidarity with every movement which implements ideals of freedom and autonomy in its own fight, and on the universities.

Persist on common goal, the struggle continues!

### ***Independent student initiative for the right to free education***

*Split* [**Croatia**]

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Yours in solidarity,

Andrzej Obuchowski, Lublin, [**Poland**]

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Greetings from University Paris XI.

Here in France, we fight against the same forces : commercialisation of knowledge, education and research.

Keep resisting !

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Dear colleague,

teacher and researcher in the university Paris 8 – Saint-Denis, in struggle, I support your actions against the consequences of the Bologna Process on public education.

Sincerely yours

C. Vidal-Gomel [**France**]

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Dear friends,

Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille I), as most French Universities, has been on strike for the last 14 weeks. Now teaching has resumed but we are still demonstrating against the French laws applying the Bologna process to the French universities.

Although the French government seems to have won momentarily the battle, the war goes on. Nothing is totally lost yet.

I fully support your strike and your struggle for free education for all.

Best wishes

G.D. Véronique

U. de Provence, Aix-en-Provence [**France**]

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**Stop Bolonia; Education by all and for all!**

Salud compañeros!

I want to wish you a very good fight and I hope you achieve your goals. Here, in Spain, we are fighting too (I know you know that). Maybe we meet soon. Maybe we, all the people, will build another education system, thinking internationally and globally.

Stay like that and keep fighting! All the power to the assembly/people!!

Nicolás Cardozo [**Spain**]

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**Dear activists,**

The French union, Laic Students Trade Union (Syndicat Etudiant Unitaire et Laïque - SEUL) supports and answers positively to the "German federal protest co-ordination assembly"'s (Bundesweites Bildungsstreik Bündnis) call. We're struggling against the privatisation of higher education in France and we're participating in the European Wave Collective. By the way, we were also present at the European's mobilization at Leuven (+Louvain and Brussels) in Belgium. We're going to spread your call and we ask you to put us on your list of supporters.

Please find our declaration about your mobilization attached. [[file I](#) + [file II](#)]

Our website [in French]: <http://fseul.free.fr>

With trade-union greetings,

Emeric; for the SEUL [**France**]

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### **Congratulations**

Hey everyone!

I am really happy that there is a group of students/pupils (and friends...) which wants to change things at the universities/schools in Germany and fully support your protest!

Especially in Germany (unfortunately I do not know enough about the situation in other countries) the educational system is so underfunded that it hurts to see. The ironical thing is that I discussed the matter with some British scientist years before the Bologna process started and they all wondered why Germany wants to have a Bachelor/Masters anyway. They thought that the diploma is one of the great accomplishments of the German system. I hear things like this again and again.

Further, I totally agree that education should be for everyone and not only for people who can afford the fees!

Finally, why do the fees do not come back fully to the students (better education/teachers....)? There are a lot of unresolved issues it seems....

Fight on!

All the best,

Cornelya [**Sweden**]

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### **Solidarity from Minneapolis (U.S. of A.)**

Graduate students and workers at the University of Minnesota support German and transnational struggles for free and emancipatory public education!

Raphi Rechitsky [**U.S.A.**]

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## **You have my humble support!**

I believe in the purity of your noble goals! There are many young people who are not able to get a higher education because they cannot afford it. It's plain stupid to withhold a capable young person of becoming even more accomplished just because he's not rich enough. Tuition fees are getting higher, making things even worse. A society's goal is to have a lot of educated people, but contradictory they are making this very difficult. If politicians want more educated people in order to, in the end, have a greater GDP they should invest in such a project! Maybe they don't know how it is for parents with average incomes to put their kids through college. It's almost impossible and generates a lot of problems for such families, with their kids becoming frustrated and over-pressured because their families are suffering in order for them to get a higher education - simple mistakes become huge. Maybe it should not be free, but it should at least be calibrated in compliance to the economical powers of wide population.

All of us should live better, and our countries are suppose to exist for the people, not the other way around!

All the best! I hope you/we can accomplish something good!

Best wishes from Belgrade!

Vladimir Ilić [**Serbia**]

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## **Keep on fighting!**

Hello,

it's great to hear that the struggle goes on also in other countries. I will print your message and spread it around Turku University. Maybe your message will encourage students to demonstrate also here in Finland. Maybe you have heard, but the new university bill is suppose to be passed in the Finnish parliament around the dates when your action week will be held. We have high hopes that our demonstrations will make the parliament change the bill for the better, although not as good as we had wanted.

Regards,

Elias Laitinen [**Finland**]

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## **Solidarity for Free Education!**

I support state funded education as your citizens are made aware to be responsible to respect and support citizens, the planet and the global citizens.

With warm greetings,

Dipesh Dulal [**Nepal**]

[dipesh.dulal\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:dipesh.dulal[at]gmail.com)

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## **Support**

Graduate Education must be the first thing that is going to change, or the change for a better world will never come. We all must unite, or unity is going to remain just a word with no meaning.

You have my thanks and support,

Perisic Aleksandar [**Serbia**]

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## **Thank you, Germany!**

Hello everyone!

First of all, I'd like to apologize for my English, because I am a first-year student in English. I don't belong to any particular group of protest, but I hope you will appreciate my support all the same. I am a French student in Lyon2 and participated in the movement against the privatisation of universities. The student movement in my university was put on a hold because we were not numerous enough, and now everybody works for their exams. So now it is only thanks to news about what happens on an international level, that I realized that the protest actually just began and it is far from ending. Even if the student movement seems to die in France right now, it still lives elsewhere. We are all involved in the same fight, we all don't want universities to be turned into firms and we reject the Bologna Process. I really hope, also if for the moment we only support Germany with letters, one day there will be a regular international student movement and that what happened in the Counter-Summit in Louvain (Belgium) will become more usual, and that eventually we will win!

So, what I wanted to say was: thank you Germany for your week of protest and keep it up!

We must not surrender!

LittleBreeze [**France**]

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